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“TAKE A BITE OUT OF HUNGER” HAWAI‘I HUNTING AND FISHING DAY SUPPORTS NEEDY ISLAND FAMILIES VIA HAWAI‘I FOOD BANK

HONOLULU — The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) invites the public to take part in the 40th national and Hawai‘i’s 21ST annual Hunting and Fishing Day, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday, September 17 and 18, at the Koko Head public shooting range in East O‘ahu.

This annual event provides opportunities for people to help their neighbors while experiencing safety education and fun hands-on activities that highlight the shooting sports and recreational hunting and fishing.

Participants are encouraged to bring a canned good or make a donation to support the Hawai‘i Food Bank. For every can of food or \$1 donated, an activity coupon is provided that is good for the various firearms, archery or fish casting activities. Each registered participant will also receive the Hunter Education Program popular “First Aid and Survival” bandana, and be eligible for door prizes.

“We salute the commitment of Hawai‘i’s sportsmen and women, and everyone else who recognizes the critical need for food donations in these challenging times. Their generosity shows they care about both our precious natural resources, and about hunger and its effect on families,” said William J. Aila, Jr. DLNR chairperson.

“Hunters, shooters and archers pay for 80% of all the nation’s wildlife programs through the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937. This act imposes a 10.5% to 11.0% tax on firearms, ammunition, archery gear and accessories. Over \$22 billion have been raised since the creation of the act,” said Orlando Oxiles, DLNR Hunter Education Program manager.

Children 8 and under (and adults) can participate in archery with lightweight compound bows provided by the National Archery in the Schools Program; and fly, spin and surf casting, courtesy of the Hawaii Freshwater Fishing Association and Kakaako Kasting Club. Participants who complete every “hands-on” activity will receive a certificate of recognition.

Educational displays will be presented by members of: the Safari Club International – Hawai‘i Chapter,

the Hawai'i Historic Arms Association, Hawai'i Friends of the National Rifle Association, Wahiawa Middle School, Hawai'i Freshwater Fishing Association, Kaka'ako Kasting Club, O'ahu Pig Hunters Association, Pacific Islands Fisheries Group, Watson T. Yoshimoto Foundation, and the DLNR Divisions of Aquatic Resources, Forestry and Wildlife, Conservation and Resources Enforcement and Boating and Ocean Recreation.

Hunting and Fishing Day is supported by in-kind contributions from local organizations and by federal grants from license fees and special taxes on purchases on firearms, ammunition, archery gear, fishing equipment and boating fuel.

Last year, the Hunting and Fishing Day raised more than **1,400 pounds of food contributions and \$2,600 in monetary donations** for the Hawai'i Food Bank.

Koko Head shooting range is located off Kalaniana'ole Highway, from Hawai'i Kai going towards Waimanalo, take the first left driveway past Hanauma Bay.

For more information about Hunting and Fishing Day, call the DLNR Hunter Education Program at 587-0200.

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